

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1.     *(currently amended)* Telescopic boring rod mechanism with at least two mutually displaceable Kelly rods adjacent to each other, which are equipped with means for transmitting a torque to the adjacent Kelly rod, wherein at least one of the Kelly rods is constructed from at least two rod segments, which are made from a different material, wherein one rod segment is made from a steel material and the other rod segment is made from a lightweight construction material, the rod segment made from the lightweight construction material being firmly connected to the rod segment made from the steel material and having a sufficient torsional stiffness for permitting torque transmission.
  
2.     *(currently amended)* Telescopic boring rod mechanism according to claim 1, wherein ~~a material of the rod segments is a~~ the lightweight construction material, ~~particularly of the rod segment is~~ carbon fibre-reinforced plastic.
  
3.     *(currently amended)* Telescopic boring rod mechanism according to claim 1, wherein ~~torque transmission means~~ the means for transmitting a torque are constructed on one rod segment, which is made from a steel material.

4. (*currently amended*) Telescopable boring rod mechanism according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ at least one of an upper end ~~and/or the~~ and a lower end of the Kelly rod on a rod segment is made from a steel material.
5. (*original*) Telescopable boring rod mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the rod segments are constructed in tubular manner with an annular cross-section.
6. (*original*) Telescopable boring rod mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the rod segments have means for transmitting an axial force to adjacent Kelly rods.
7. (*currently amended*) Telescopable boring rod mechanism according to claim ~~1~~ 6, wherein at least one of the torque transmission means ~~and/or~~ and the axial force transmission means have interlocking members.
8. (*currently amended*) Telescopable boring rod mechanism according to claim 7, wherein the interlocking members comprise at least one of beads, locking pockets ~~and/or~~ and driving slots.
9. (*original*) Telescopable boring rod mechanism according to claim 1, wherein axially directed guide rails are provided on the lightweight construction material rod segment.

10. *(currently amended)* Telescopable boring rod mechanism according to claim 1, wherein one of the Kelly rods is an outer Kelly rod, and the outer Kelly rod is made entirely of metal.

11. *(canceled)*

12. *(new)* Telescopable boring rod mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the Kelly rod comprises an upper end rod segment and a lower end rod segment both made from a steel material and an intermediate rod segment made from the lightweight construction material, the intermediate rod segment being firmly connected to the upper end rod segment and the lower end rod segment and having a sufficient torsional stiffness for permitting torque transmission.